

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

CHANCE SIMS and NOVELLA  
COLEMAN,

Plaintiffs,

v.

LAKESIDE SCHOOL,

Defendant.

CASE NO. C06-1412RSM

ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANT  
LAKESIDE'S MOTION TO SEAL

This matter comes before the Court on defendant's Motion to Seal the Declaration of "Parent A" in Support of Lakeside's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment on Claims of Plaintiff Novella Coleman. (Dkt. #211). Defendant argues that the identity of a non-party minor child would be identifiable through the declaration of "Parent A." Therefore defendant requests that the declaration and exhibits attached thereto be sealed.

Having considered defendant's motion, and the remainder of the record, the Court hereby finds and ORDERS:

(1) Defendant's Motion to Seal (Dkt. #211) is GRANTED. The Court finds that defendant has adequately justified sealing "Parent A's" declaration and the exhibits attached thereto, overcoming the strong presumption in favor of public access. *See* CR 5(g)(2). The

1 Court agrees with defendant that any reader with knowledge regarding Lakeside School could  
2 deduce the minor child's identity unless the documents at issue are sealed. Accordingly, the  
3 declaration of "Parent A" and the exhibits attached thereto (Dkt. #213) shall REMAIN  
4 SEALED.

5 (2) The Court shall also *sua sponte* seal plaintiffs' response to defendant's Motion for  
6 Protective Order. (Dkt. #215). Plaintiffs are DIRECTED to file a redacted copy of their  
7 response. Specifically, lines nine through twelve on page seven of their response that  
8 discusses the declaration of "Parent A" shall be redacted. Failure to follow this Court's Order  
9 will result in sanctions.

10 (3) The sealing of these documents do not have any effect on defendant's original  
11 Motion for Protective Order. The Court will make a ruling on that motion once it is fully  
12 briefed and ripe for review on November 6, 2007.

13 (4) The Clerk shall forward a copy of this Order to all counsel of record.  
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15 DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of November, 2007.

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17 RICARDO S. MARTINEZ  
18 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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